

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. **(currently amended):** A cosmetic and personal care preparation comprising
 - (a) from 0.0001 to 90 % by weight of a gloss pigment comprising
 - (a1) a core consisting of a substantially transparent or metallically reflecting material, and
 - (a2) at least one coating substantially consisting of one or more silicon oxides, the molar ratio of oxygen to silicon being on average from 0.03 to 0.95, and
 - (b) from 10 to 99.9999 % of a cosmetically suitable carrier material, based on the total weight of the cosmetic preparation or formulation

wherein said formulation or preparation is selected from the group consisting of lipsticks, blushers, foundations, nail varnishes and hair shampoos.

2. **(previously presented):** A preparation according to claim 1, wherein the core consists of a metallically reflecting material selected from the group consisting of Ag, Al, Au, Cu, Cr, Ge, Mo, Ni, Si, Ti, Zn, or alloys thereof, graphite, Fe_2O_3 and MoS_2 .
3. **(previously presented):** A preparation according to claim 1, wherein the core consists of a transparent material selected from the group consisting of mica and SiO_z , wherein $0.95 < z \leq 2.0$.
4. **(previously presented):** A preparation according to claim 1, wherein the gloss pigment has a layer structure, said layer structure being : $\text{SiO}_x/\text{SiO}_z/\text{SiO}_x$, $\text{SiO}_z/\text{SiO}_x/\text{SiO}_z/\text{SiO}_x/\text{SiO}_z$, $\text{SiO}_x/\text{Al}/\text{SiO}_x$, $\text{SiO}_z/\text{SiO}_x/\text{Al}/\text{SiO}_x/\text{SiO}_z$, $\text{TiO}_2/\text{SiO}_z/\text{SiO}_x/\text{SiO}_z/\text{SiO}_x/\text{SiO}_z/\text{TiO}_2$ or $\text{TiO}_2/\text{SiO}_z/\text{SiO}_x/\text{Al}/\text{SiO}_x/\text{SiO}_z/\text{TiO}_2$, wherein x is from 0.03 to 0.95 and $0.95 < z \leq 2.0$.
5. **(previously presented):** A preparation according to claim 4, wherein the gloss pigment has the following layer structure: $\text{SiO}_2/\text{SiO}_x/\text{SiO}_z/\text{SiO}_x/\text{SiO}_2$ or $\text{TiO}_2/\text{SiO}_2/\text{SiO}_x/\text{SiO}_z/\text{SiO}_x/\text{SiO}_2/\text{TiO}_2$, wherein x is from 0.03 to 0.90, and $0.95 < z \leq 2.0$.
6. **(previously presented):** A pigment comprising
 - (a1) a core consisting of SiO_z with $0.95 < z \leq 2.0$, and

(a2) at least one coating substantially consisting of one or more silicon oxides, the molar ratio of oxygen to silicon being on average from 0.03 to 0.95.

7. **(previously presented):** A pigment according to claim 6, wherein the pigment has a layer structure, said layer structure being:

(a3) optionally a SiO_2 coating,

(a2) a coating substantially consisting of one or more silicon oxides, the molar ratio of oxygen to silicon being on average from 0.03 to 0.95,

(a1) a core consisting of SiO_z with $0.95 < z \leq 2.0$, and

(a2) a coating substantially consisting of one or more silicon oxides, the molar ratio of oxygen to silicon being on average from 0.03 to 0.95, and

(a3) optionally a SiO_2 coating.

8. **(previously presented):** A pigment according to claim 7 having the following layer structure:



wherein x is from 0.03 to 0.95 and $0.95 < z \leq 2.0$.

9. **(original):** A pigment comprising

(a) a core consisting of a metallic reflecting material, and

(b) at least one coating substantially consisting of one or more silicon oxides, the molar ratio of oxygen to silicon being on average from 0.03 to 0.24.

10. **(previously presented):** A pigment according to claim 9 having a layer structure, said layer structure being:



wherein z is from 0.95 to 2.0, and x is from 0.03 to 0.24.

11. **(previously presented):** A pigment according to claim 9 having a layer structure, said layer structure being:

(a3) a SiO_z coating with $0.95 < z \leq 1.95$,

(a2) a coating substantially consisting of one or more silicon oxides, the molar ratio of oxygen to silicon being on average from 0.03 to 0.95,

(a1) a core consisting of a metallically reflecting material, and

(a2) a coating substantially consisting of one or more silicon oxides, the molar ratio of oxygen to silicon being on average from 0.03 to 0.95, and

(a3) a SiO_z coating with $0.95 < z \leq 1.95$,

12. **(previously presented):** A pigment according to claim 11, having the following layer structure:

$\text{SiO}_{z1}/\text{SiO}_x/\text{Al}/\text{SiO}_x/\text{SiO}_{z1}$, or

$\text{TiO}_2/\text{SiO}_{z1}/\text{SiO}_x/\text{Al}/\text{SiO}_x/\text{SiO}_{z1}/\text{TiO}_2$, wherein

$0.95 < z1 \leq 1.95$, and x is from 0.03 to 0.95.

13. **(previously presented):** A composition comprising a high molecular weight organic material and from 0.01 to 80 % by weight, based on the high molecular weight organic material, of a pigment according to claim 6.

14. **(previously presented):** A preparation according to claim 1, wherein the core consists of a transparent material selected from the group consisting of SiO_2 and $\text{SiO}_z/\text{TiO}_2$ mixtures.

15. **(previously presented):** A preparation according to claim 14, wherein the core consists of $\text{SiO}_z/\text{TiO}_2$ mixtures, wherein $0.95 < z \leq 2.0$.

16. **(previously presented):** A pigment according to claim 8 wherein x is from 0.05 to 0.50.

17. **(previously presented):** A pigment according to claim 11 wherein the layer (a1) is aluminium.

18. **(previously presented):** A composition comprising a high molecular weight organic material and from 0.01 to 80 % by weight, based on the high molecular weight organic material, of a pigment according to claim 9.